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Returned Soldiers in U.F.A. Organize

Purpose is to Deal with S. S. B. Problems—Thank U.F.A. Members of Parliament for Services

Returned soldier members of the U.F.A. in attendance at the Annual Convention organized as a "Returned Soldiers' Section" of the United Farmers of Alberta at a banquet in the Tea Kettle Inn on January 19th. The chief purpose is to deal with S. S. B. problems. Arrangements for the affair were mainly in the hands of Col. Robinson, of Munson, and H. McKenzie, of Sedgewick presided. There were 29 persons present, including returned men and their wives, and visitors.

Among the guests were Col. Sanders, of Calgary, who gave a brief and most interesting talk on the immigration question, E. J. Garland, M.P., who represented the U.F.A. members of the House of Commons and spoke on returned soldier legislation, especially S.S.B. legislation, and Mrs. Garland. A hearty vote of thanks to the U.F.A. members of Parliament for their unflagging efforts in behalf of the soldier settlers was carried unanimously.

W. Norman Smith, of Calgary, made the suggestion that news and views on S.S.B. questions should be furnished *The U.F.A.* from time to time, and stated that a small section of the paper could be set aside for this purpose, and that in view of Col. Robinson's experience in S.S.B. problems, material for this section would be submitted to him for advice before publication.

The meeting appointed Norman Smith convener of the section, directing him to make arrangements for the next meeting on the occasion of the next U.F.A. Annual Convention.

We regret that we have obtained only a partial list of names of those who attended the banquet and became members of the returned soldiers' section. All who attended are invited to send in their names with a view to publication.

CALGARY MOCK PARLIAMENT

The first session of the Mock Parliament organized by the Calgary U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals and the Wheat Kernels was held in the Calgary public library on Thursday, January 28th, and was attended by more than a hundred persons, including members and visitors. For the present the parliament will function as a Provincial Assembly. Hon. V. W. Smith acted as Lieutenant Governor for the evening, and read the speech from the throne. The parliament elected N. P. Davisson to the office of Speaker. The Premier is W. J. Garland, leader of the Agrarian group, who has formed a cabinet; Guy W. Johnson is leader of the Labor group and W. McLeod leader of the "Professional" or "Urban" group. Ron Sibbald is sergeant-at-arms.

Hon. V. W. Smith gave a most informative address on railway, irrigation and telephone matters during the course of the evening.

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EDITORIAL

THE CONVENTION

"Merely to advocate an ideal without giving thought to methods of achieving it doesn't amount to a thing in the world," declared President Wood in the brief speech to the Annual Convention in which he accepted the Presidency of the Association for 1928.

It is doubtful whether any Convention in the history of the organization has shown less disposition to utopianism than the Twentieth, held in Calgary last month. But the idealism of the movement, as was shown on many occasions, is undimmed. President Wood's own highly developed capacity to link ideals with practice, to proceed a step at a time through organization towards the realization of the ideal of a co-operative community, has contributed more than may today be realized to the development of policies making at once for steadiness and progress.

The U.F.A. membership in 1927 was somewhat below normal. But the achievements of the U.F.A. in the field of co-operative organization are more apparent today than they ever have been before. Some of its earlier tasks have been accomplished, or are in process of accomplishment by organizations brought into being mainly through the instrumentality of the Association. But there remain for the immediate future tasks at least equally as great as any that have been confronted in the past. Perhaps the conference held in Calgary a little more than a week ago, at which the possibilities of co-operative enterprise were surveyed by representatives of the various Provincial Farmers' organizations in Alberta, may be the prelude to a new forward movement of Province-wide dimensions.

The success of any such movement will depend, more than upon any other single factor, upon the membership of this Association, and the bringing of the U.F.A. to increased numerical strength is the chief task of the immediate future.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE PROJECT

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the St. Lawrence Waterways project, it is evident that upon this matter the vast majority of the people of this country are ill-informed. We know men in public life who have given it a long period of study, who confess that they are unable as yet to decide in their own minds what Canada's attitude should be towards the proposals now under consideration. The U.F.A. Annual Convention did wisely in tabling the resolution which would have endorsed the project.

The decision of Parliament, when made, may determine in great degree the course of Canada's history. The project is a colossal one, involving unprecedented expenditures for the Dominion upon this kind of enterprise, and its carrying out will affect profoundly the economic and industrial life of Canada and our relations with our neighbors to the south.

Clearly there should be no final action taken during the present session of Parliament. Clearly the public must be adequately informed, through the press and by every other possible means, of what may be involved in this undertaking, before Canada is definitely committed. There is no warrant for haste. The need for caution is imperative.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Urgent Request for Financial Help St. Albert Case

Why Appeal is Made to Membership of U.F.A. Throughout Province

In view of the special circumstances which have arisen in connection with the St. Albert election appeal case, in which the appeal against the election of L. Boudreau was unsuccessful, a further urgent request is made to the U.F.A. membership throughout the Province for financial assistance.

Owing to the lack of success in the election appeal, heavy costs were assessed against L. Normandeau, who was the U.F.A. candidate. Mr. Normandeau would himself have been prepared to settle had it been at all possible for him to do so, but this has been placed out of the question by the fact that he has lost his crop for the past two years—in 1926 owing to excessive wet weather and in 1927 to hail. As he is unable to meet the judgment, he is being pursued by the sheriff, and if he undertakes work of any kind for payment, the amount which he may earn will be garnisheed. Considerably over $1000 is still required. The difficulty of Mr. Normandeau's position has been aggravated by reason of his wife's serious illness, which has necessitated operations during the past year. As the appeal was made with a view to assuring clean elections in the future, it is felt that the matter is of concern to the U.F.A. membership as a whole.

Contributions to the St. Albert election appeal fund will be received at the U.F.A. Central Office, Calgary, and acknowledged in this paper.

STRATHCONA ANNUAL MEETING

Strathcona Local had an enthusiastic annual meeting when R. G. Simpson, E. R. James and D. J. Christie were elected as officers. Plans were made for a big banquet and dance to be held in Strathcona in February.

APPRECIATED BROADCAST

"The feeling of the members present at the annual meeting," writes J. A. Johnston, Secretary of Brooks Local, "was to make the Local bigger and better this coming year. An effort will be made to sign up 100 per cent of the farmers. The U.F.A. broadcast was very much appreciated in this district."

AT CARROT CREEK

In spite of very cold weather there was a good turn out to the annual meeting of Carrot Creek Local, writes the Secretary, W. E. Irwin. The former secretary, F. L. Irwin, was elected President, while S. W. Smith is Vice-President. After the meeting there was a dance and lunch was served.

PLAINFIELD PLAN DRIVE

Plainfield Local at their annual meeting decided to put on a drive for new members, with S. E. Thompson and U. Marr as captains. A committee was elected to arrange programs of education and entertainment for meetings during the remainder of the winter. P. Frederick and A. MacMillan are the officers for 1928.

COMMENDS GOVERNMENT OPERATION OF E.D. & B.C.

The following resolution was carried unanimously at a meeting of the Beaver Lodge U.F.A. Local recently:

That the Beaver Lodge Local of the U.F.A. warmly commends the achievement of the Provincial Department of Railways in the operation of the E.D. & B.C.; urges the Government to proceed this year with an active policy of urgently needed extensions; and hopes that the Government will retain the ownership of the line unless offered its full physical valuation coupled with a guarantee of direct coast connection at an early date.

Moved by A. H. Johnson; seconded by J. M. Miller.

DEVONIA OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of Devonia Lake Local, J. Ferguson, S. Brown and F. George were elected officers for the coming year. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that it would require the loyal co-operation of all U.F.A. Locals to perpetuate better conditions for the farming community. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring chairman, S. Brown.

WANT UNIFORM QUALITY

At the annual meeting of O'Mara Local, H. J. Armstrong was elected as President, and T. Atkinson as Secretary. At this meeting there was considerable discussion on the growing number of new varieties of Wheat, and a resolution was passed asking the Minister of Agriculture to take steps to insure uniformity of quality in Western Canadian Wheat.

ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS

"Our membership does not increase, but we are very fortunate in having all active members," writes Arthur Smith, Secretary of the Lake Saskatoon Local. "We have commenced our annual Five Hundred parties, holding them every week in the different homes. A charge of twenty-five cents is made for gentlemen only, and this provides a very substantial sum to carry on our year's work."

CAVELL LOCAL RE-ORGANIZED

A reorganization meeting of the Cavell Local No. 566 of the U.F.A. was held in the Cavell school on Wednesday, January 18th. The following officers were elected: President, R. Linfeld; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Goeller; secretary-treasurer, Harold Gerry. In addition Floyd Goeller and C. A. Malone were elected to the vacant positions on the board of directors. The enthusiasm for U.F.A. principles evidenced during the discussion augurs well for the success of future activities of the reorganized Local.

Bow River U.F.A. Annual Convention

About Forty Delegates—No Lack of Interest

Donald Sinclair was re-elected President of the Bow River Federal Constituency Association at the annual convention in Calgary on January 16th. The vice-presidents are Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Gleichen and F. M. Donkin, Ardenode. The directors are: L. B. Hart, Carbon; J. H. Schmaltz, Beiseker; J. M. Wheatly, Chancellor; F. H. Harriman, Nightingale; Harvey Hanson, Namaka; Mrs. Eva Bowen, Gleichen; R. W. Pool, Bassano; George Purcell, Enchant; James Dunn, Reid Hill. At the meeting of the Board held after the meeting H. W. Leonard, Tudor, was re-elected Secretary.

About forty delegates were in attendance and as many visitors. There was no lack of interest in the discussion of the affairs of the Association and of the resolutions that came before the meeting. A number of these were passed on to the Provincial Convention and dealt with there. A resolution which created the greatest interest was one suggesting that the U.F.A. be disbanded, brought in for the purpose of provoking a discussion on the need of the organization. The delegates present showed that they were convinced of the necessity for the continuance of the U.F.A., only the mover himself voting for the motion, which he felt obliged to do.

The Executive was instructed to call the next annual convention during July, at one of the most central towns in the Constituency, possibly holding it for two days, and arranging for an automobile camp in connection.

E. J. Garland, M.P., addressed the Convention.

MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME

While it was hard to hold regular meetings during the busy summer months, Turin Local, according to a letter from G. E. Stauth, are making up for lost time now. "One afternoon seems hardly long enough to get through all our business. We only had twenty-two members last year, but this year we are going after at least three times that number. Just as soon as the roads get passable we are going to put on a drive for members."

OFFICERS NANTON CONSTITUENCY

Officers of Nanton Provincial Constituency Association, elected at the Annual Convention held on January 12, are as follows: President, M. E. Malchow; vice-presidents, Wm. Bowie, Mrs. W. F. Kirchoff and C. H. May; secretary-treasurer, H. F. Spencer. The chief feature of the convention was a comprehensive report of the work of the last session of the Legislature by D. M. Galbraith, M.L.A. Mr. Galbraith stated that he desired to represent his constituents, and to serve them; and asked them to try to keep in touch with him and let him know what they wanted. The evening session was addressed by

G. G. Coote, M.P., who dealt with parliamentary procedure and some of the more important questions to come before the 1928 session of the House of Commons.

STURGEON OFFICERS

At the annual convention of the Sturgeon Provincial Constituency Association, the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Burnell, 1st Vice-President, Andrew Rain; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. H. Runnalls; Directors—R. Goddard, Gibbons; E. W. Corbett, Horsehills; R. McAllister, Warspite; Elmer Rogers, Waskatenau; Mrs. Mabel Dean, Horsehills; C. Potter, Sunnyside; S. A. Petrie, Egremont; Mrs. Lindsay, Thorhild; W. J. Burchett, Tawatinaw; F. C. Clare, Belmont; Mr. Crosler, Namao; H. B. Watson, Colinton; Mrs. Warr, Waskatenau; J. O'Brien, Egremont; D. W. West, Waskatenau; Hugh Mackenzie, Bon Accord; C. Villeneuve, Lamoureaux; Thomas Weeks, Horsehills; Glen Storie, Notre Dame.

EAST EDMONTON OFFICERS

Charles Burnell was elected President of the East Edmonton Federal Constituency Association at the Convention held in Edmonton on December 20. Mrs. Mabel Dean and E. W. Corbett are Vice-Presidents for 1928, while Francis C. Clare is again the Secretary. The Directors elected are as follows: R. Bailey, Namao; F. C. Clare, Belmont; J. B. McEwen, Gibbons; C. Potter, Sunnyside; Mrs. H. Runnalls, Poplar Lake; Rice Sheppard, Strathcona; Mrs. C. R. Speer, Notre Dame; Mrs. W. Yoachim, Belmont; Mrs. M. E. Lowe, Namao; Mrs. Cameron, Turnip Lake; P. Hutchings, Poplar Lake; Mrs. Appleby, Horsehill; Glen Storie, Notre Dame; M. Godbout, Vamoureux; Thomas Weeks, Horsehills.

Member of Canada Grain Commission States Views on Grain Grading

Jas. Robinson Delivers Address Before U.F.A. Annual Convention—Compares Canada's System of Handling Grain with that of Other Countries.

Addresses on the grading of Canadian grain were delivered at Wednesday afternoon's sitting of the U.F.A. Annual Convention by J. D. Fraser, Chief Grain Inspector, and James Robinson, of the Canada Grain Commission. It will be remembered that Mr. Fraser spoke upon the same subject at the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and a summary of the address and questions which followed was printed in the Wheat Pool pages of *The U.F.A.*. We print Mr. Robinson's address in full herewith. The important discussion which followed the two addresses, when many questions were asked by delegates, will be given in summary in the next issue of this paper.

In my opinion the grading of your grain is by far the most important subject that has come or shall come before this meeting. Important, because it affects the transportation of your grain, the sale of your grain, and lastly and by far the most important, it affects the reputation of your grain, in the markets of the world.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of this and very many other audiences to hold a sentiment that seems to imply that there is something wrong with the inspection department. Now, I don't think that is fair. We admit that there is dissatisfaction. We don't believe that it is possible to evolve and put in practice any system that will satisfy every producer of grain. That being the case, I want to refer to one or two other systems of handling grain and some of the questions that were asked may be answered by that.

In Other Wheat Countries

We have in the markets of the world four great competing countries—that is to say, we have four countries that produce a large amount of grain for export. These are Australia, India, Argentina and the United States. Each of these countries has some method by which they convey to the purchasing public the commodity that they have to sell. In Australia they don't have a grading system. They have only two grades, or as a matter of fact they have only one grade, and rejected. Their system is fair average quality. And every export is subject to arbitration in the city of London.

India conducts their business in pretty much the same way. The same would apply to Argentina. But I notice they vary it a little because they give fair average quality of a given wheat. They have no inspection system and each export is subject to arbitration in the city of London, England.

Then we come to our neighbor, the United States. They have a grading system very similar to ours, and I shall endeavor just to draw your attention to where they agree and where they differ.

We hear in meetings, like this, statements made with all the authority of "book of information"—I believe some of them were made here today. A gentleman has asked why we cannot allow 15 per cent moisture in our grain, when the United States allows 16 per cent. Now this statement is not true, and because there is an element of truth in it, it is most misleading and untrue.

Not Same Kind of Bushel

I will read to you very briefly the specifications for grain corresponding to some extent with ours: Red Spring Wheat No. 1 should weigh 58 pounds to the bushel—that is Winchester bushel, and not Imperial as we have. The wheat that would weigh 58 pounds with their measurement, would weigh 60 pounds in ours; and although there seems to be a difference of two pounds in weight, in practice they are the same thing. Now the specification is 14 per cent not 16 per cent. No. 2 shall weigh 57 pounds and contain 14.5 moisture. No. 3 shall weigh 55 pounds and may contain 15 per cent moisture. No. 4 weighs still less, but it may contain 16 per cent moisture. Last Saturday in Winnipeg the difference in price between No. 1 and No. 4 was 32c.

Speaking in a general way the carrying out of grading in the United States is by State Officials. In the city of New York the inspection is under the Producers' Exhibition. In the United States they have yielded to the demand of producer to get grades lowered, until it was necessary for the Federal Government to appoint a Supervising Officer, and that started Federal appeals.

Inspection Affects Price

One of the largest exporters in Montreal, who exports U.S. wheat, when he makes a bid for American grain, when it is under Government supervision, has to pay from 2c to 5c more than for ordinary grading. I want you to dwell on that; where there is inspection—inspection that can be relied upon, you have to pay more for wheat, that is the producers are entitled to get a higher price.

In Canada we have a system that is second to none. It is head and shoulders above any other method; and there is something about our inspection that the public never says very much about, and that is it is the only place for millers to buy grain certificates final. Wheat bought from Australia, India and Argentina, is subject to arbitration in London. Then how important it is that we should keep our inspection of grain up to as high a plane as possible. I make a statement which I know to be true: *The producers of grain have everything to gain by a high standard, and everything to lose by a low one.*

Now there has been a great deal of talk about splitting the grades of grain, but I think if the farmers had all the information on this subject they would not worry much about it. I wonder how many people in this room, outside of the Chief Inspector and myself, know how many grades of wheat there are in Canada today. We have 573 grades of wheat, and with the tough and damaged grain it brings the number up to 1700. I mention this because our Chief Inspector was too modest. You see the load he has to look after to properly place and grade something over 700 types and conditions of grain. The two prime reasons for having so many grades of wheat are bad farming and bad weather. You have on your resolutions a request that the tough grains be divided, but if you passed that resolution it would put the number of grades over 2000. But even supposing that we agree that the farmers lose by having to take a spread, that loss is very small compared with the holding up of transportation.

Two years ago we had every elevator full at the Head of the Lakes, some 30 or 35 boat loads, and after that we had 6,000 cars standing in the yard, the bulk tough and damaged, and nowhere to put it. I just want you to think of that, we had 6,000 cars, most of it tough or damaged and nowhere to put it. Now, what was to be done with it? It was in danger of heating. Our Inspection Department put inspectors on who inspected those cars once a week all winter, and when we saw a car sweating the car was ordered out and taken to the elevator. The railroad company gave us cars and the grain was dried and put into empty space, and as a result of this care and inspection not one bushel of grain was injured. Last year it was not quite so bad—we had only 4,000 cars at the same period of year, and instead of 46 miles to travel over as the previous year, we had only 32 miles of cars. But we followed the same procedure and not one bushel was allowed to get out of condition nor lose grade during the long wait for shipment east.

The Matter of Tough Grades

You have heard the Inspector speak, and you have spoken of the inspection

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Twentieth Annual Convention of U.F.A. Affords Abundant Evidence of Vitality of the Farmers' Movement

Large Attendance, Enthusiasm Tempered by Sobriety and Tolerance in Debate, Feature Sessions—Wheat Grading Topic of Premier Interest

If other evidence had been lacking of the essential vitality of the farmers' movement in Alberta, the Twentieth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, held in the Central Methodist Church, Calgary, from January 17th to 20th inclusive, would have proved convincing.

While the total of paid-up membership fell short in 1927 of recently preceding years, the number of delegates was higher in proportion to the membership, totalling 485, and almost as many visitors from all parts of the Province (active members of the Association who wished to follow the deliberations of the Convention) were present during the greater part of the week. The body of the church and the galleries were almost continuously filled, largely by farmer visitors.

Constructive Policies

But it was not simply or chiefly the numbers in attendance that bespoke the strength of the movement. A most notable change in the character of U.F.A. Conventions down the years since the formation of the organization has been manifest in increasing devotion to constructive policies, and a decreasing tendency to indulge in purely destructive criticism. President Wood's striking speech in acknowledging his re-election on Wednesday, was in line with the actual tendency of the Convention.

In quiet enthusiasm, in average debating power, in tolerance, in the refusal of delegates to be stampeded by any kind of red herring, and their determination to judge, quietly and soberly, upon their merits, even issues in respect to which the obscurantist section of the press has been successful in building up the most massive walls of prejudice, the Convention was perhaps the most notable in the history of the Association. Combined with a healthy tendency to concentrate on practical affairs there was evident a determination to examine evidence closely upon the larger issues in respect to which, since its entrance into the fields of Federal and Provincial affairs, the elected representatives must take action and are desirous of guidance.

Wheat Grading Outstanding Topic

Undoubtedly the question which aroused most interest was the discussion on wheat grading. The past two seasons, when weather conditions during and following harvest have been unfavorable, have served in an unprecedented degree, to bring grading questions to the fore. The presence of the Chief Grain Inspector and a member of the Canada Grain Commission afforded an opportunity on January 18th to come to grips with these questions. As detailed a report of the discussion as possible will be given in due course in these columns.

The report of the Committee of the Central Board on Banking and Credit served as the basis for another important debate and was productive of a number of thoughtful speeches. The resolutions on educational subjects also excited a great deal of interest, and there was a particularly strong demand for the provision, at as early a date as possible, in the public and agricultural schools, of education in the principles of co-operation.

Central Board Committees for 1928

Co-operation
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Transportation
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Special Committee on Young People's Work
H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Mrs. Gunn.

Study Reading
A. J. Ewing.

Other Important Questions

The discussion on hail insurance, following Mr. Tovell's very complete report, was another feature of the Convention. The resolution which urged the opening up of negotiations with a view to establishing diplomatic and trade relations with Russia, also occasioned a useful and instructive debate, bringing to light the fact that leading Conservative newspapers in Britain, such as the *London Observer* and *London Spectator*, had been critical of the breach by the British Government, and that to advocate normal relationships with all countries was to be in line with a powerful body of British opinion.

During the first day of the Convention there was perhaps a tendency to pass resolutions with undue haste, or to table resolutions without adequate discussion, but the wheat grading discussion served to break the ice, and from that time onward, there was little lack of thoroughness.

In no previous Convention have so many delegates shown knowledge of proper procedure in debate, or been more careful in its observance. For this a considerable share of credit is undoubtedly due to the chairmen who have been chosen to preside over the Convention, and who have established the delegates' confidence in their fairness and desire for fairplay for all points of view represented on the floor of the assembly. The Parliamentary experience of the chairmen has also placed them in a position to give sound advice to the Convention upon matters of procedure when this has been required.

No time limit was imposed upon speeches this year, and none was found necessary, for there was little tendency to make unduly long speeches, and as little tendency to suppress any delegate who had anything to contribute to the debates. The Convention closed in good time, with all resolutions and other business dealt with. Forty-six resolutions were passed by the U.F.A. Convention and four by the U.F.W.A. Convention—a heavy decrease as compared with former years.

The social night in the Palliser on the Monday preceding the Convention, and the banquet splendidly arranged and admirably carried out by the ladies of the U.F.W.A. in the Palliser hotel on Wednesday evening, January 18th, were among the notable features of the week.

Convention Called to Order

The Convention was called to order by President Wood promptly at 10 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, January 17th, when the delegates rose and sang "O Canada", following which Rev. H. W. Avison pronounced the invocation. An address of welcome was delivered by His Honor Lieut. Governor Egbert, who congratulated the farmers of Alberta on the largeness of the harvest of 1927. He deplored the fact that Canada Thistles were gaining ground in some parts of the Province, and urged that every effort be put forth to eradicate noxious weeds, and also to beautify the farm homes of Alberta.

In the unavoidable absence of Mayor Osborne, Ald. Dr. McGill, Acting Mayor, welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city of Calgary. Some years ago, he remarked, Alberta had imported turkeys from Eastern Canada and butter from New Zealand, but it was a matter for gratification that owing to the progress made in production in this Province, such a state of affairs no longer existed.

Chairmen Elected

Upon the President calling for nominations for chairman of the Convention, it was moved and seconded and unanimously carried that Mr. Wood himself perform this function and that two assistant chairmen be appointed. Messrs. Robert Gardiner, M.P., and E. J. Garland, M.P., were unanimously elected as assistant chairmen, and presided alternatively, during the greater part of the sessions of the Convention.

Convention Committees

The following committees were agreed upon by the Convention, on recommendation of the Central Board:

Credentials—J. C. Buckley, H. C. McDaniel, J. E. Brown.

Resolutions—S. Lunn, G. E. Biggs, E. Hanson.

Order of Business—A. F. Aitken, J. K. Sutherland, J. A. Johanson.

Entertainment—S. Lunn.

Ushering—D. MacLachlan.

Following the address of President Wood, which was adopted amid hearty applause, Mrs. Gunn presented her annual address to the U.F.A. Convention. This also was adopted with much enthusiasm. The President of the Junior Branch, C. Mills, then read his annual report. The motion to adopt was carried with an amendment, moved by C. Axelson, to the effect that this address be printed in pamphlet form like the addresses of the President of the U.F.A. and the President of the U.F.W.A.

After the reading of the report of the Central Board by H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-President, Mr. Fagar asked what the cost of U.F.A. broadcasting had been to date. Mr. Scholefield replied that the evening broadcasts which had been given so far had all been by courtesy of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and had cost the U.F.A. nothing. He also announced that the *Albertan* had kindly offered to put the U.F.A. Convention "on the air" free during the periods when the *Herald* radio would not be doing so. This announcement was received with applause.

Financial Statements

Upon the Convention assembling for the afternoon session, Mr. Scholefield presented the financial statement, showing a deficit of $612.68 for the year ending November 30th, 1927. Receipts from dues in respect to all branches of the Association totalled $19,030.46, of which $15,151.21 represented U.F.A. Local dues, $3,423.80 dues of the U.F.W.A. Locals and $266.45 from Junior Locals. Arrears of dues paid in 1927 totalled $1,505.50. The U.G.G. grant for the year was $4,000. Items of expenditure included $441.11 for President's expenses during the year, President Wood having declined any salary; Board meetings $2,064.13; Executive meetings $772.75; Vice-President's Expenses $1,541.95; U.F.W.A. President's expenses $346.10. Organization expenses for the year totalled $4,125.22; Central Office Expenses $2,487.24; salaries $4,622.31; the grand total being $25,868.72. *The U.F.A.* revenue statement showed a deficit of $1,998.91 on the financial year. A report on the newspaper reviewing the activities of the past year was presented later in the week, and will be published in this paper.

The various financial statements were unanimously adopted.

In introducing the amendment to the Constitution which gives representation to the Juniors, Mr. Scholefield explained that the idea came from President Wood, who had felt that it would provide a stimulus to the Junior organization.

Privileges of Floor and Voting

The convention extended the privileges of the floor to elected representatives in the Federal House and Alberta Legislature, and also to the Presidents of all Federal and Provincial Constituency Associations, with voting powers. A proposal to amend the Constitution to confer these powers upon the representatives concerned at all times did not meet with favor and the Convention itself will decide each year what privileges it shall extend to them. "The right to decide who shall have the floor apart from delegates," said Mr. Rafn, "should be left to each Convention."

The first resolution in the program, providing that "when a resolution has been finally dealt with by the Convention, it shall not again be considered without due notice of reconsideration being given and not during the same session," was lost after a brief discussion, and the Convention proceeded to pass, with amendment, a resolution from Craigmyle District Association, to the effect that the Central Board shall place all resolutions which are for the consideration of the Provincial Government before all U.F.A. elected members. The amendment eliminated a provision that this should be done "in strictly private conference."

RE-ELECTED

H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD

Re-elected Vice-President by Acclamation.

After some discussion of a resolution from Stettler Provincial C. A., to the effect that "the U.F.A. Association provide all the funds to carry on any campaign," the matter was tabled. The intention of the resolution, it was stated, was that the U.F.A. candidates should not be called upon to pay election expenses, but that the whole cost should be borne by the Constituency Associations. While this view met with favor, it was considered that the matter was for the Constituency Associations to deal with, and not the Annual U.F.A. Convention.

A resolution from the Big Valley to Munson District Association, to the effect that no further donation should be accepted from the United Grain Growers, failed to find a mover when first brought up, and when a delegate sought to have the matter reconsidered later in the week, this permission was not granted.

Right to Swear in Vote

A somewhat lengthy resolution from Wetaskiwin Federal C. A., protesting against certain changes in the Municipal Districts Act, was carried after discussion. It protested especially against the abolition of the right of the voter to swear in his or her vote. Under the system which requires all persons eligible to vote on the supplementary list to send in their own names to the secretary as a condition of their being allowed to vote, it was stated, the door was opened to all kinds of abuse.

Considerable discussion took place on a resolution from Gleichen Provincial C. A., asking that municipalities be given the right to appeal to the Legislature against assessments by the equalization

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Joint Conference Plans Expansion of Farmers' Co-operative Activities

AS RESULT OF IMPORTANT GATHERING IN CALGARY, U.F.A. WILL UNDERTAKE WORK OF OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE THIS YEAR FOR CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

A conference which may prove historic in its bearing on the future of the farmers' movement in this Province was held in the Lougheed Building, Calgary, on January 24th. Those in attendance were: President Wood and Vice-President Scholefield and members of the Executive and Board of the U.F.A.; Premier Brownlee, Hon. R. G. Reid and Hon. Geo. Hoadley, representing the Alberta Government; and representatives of the four Alberta co-operative marketing Pools. As a result of the conference two committees will be appointed, the personnel to be named by each of the organizations concerned.

The first of these committees will consist of three members representing the U.F.A. Board, and one each from the four Pools. It will deal with co-operative marketing effort in Alberta and confer with the Government upon matters affecting the progress of this movement.

The second committee will consist of three members representing the U.F.A. and three representing the Alberta Co-operative League, an organization composed of co-operative stores in the Province. This committee will also confer with the Government, and it is in fact anticipated that both committees will confer with the Government jointly.

The object of the action taken by the conference is to secure greater co-ordination of effort between the various farmer bodies, to bring about reduction of overhead and management expenses where possible and to bring about expansion of effort in certain vitally important directions. It is proposed that the U.F.A. shall take this matter in hand and do the necessary work through its membership in the country.

The U.F.A. will have a definite, tangible objective to work for in the immediate future in connection with this matter, and it is anticipated that one of the results of the conference will be a substantial increase in U.F.A. membership, which will mean a strengthening of the hands of the organization in its efforts to further co-operative marketing and co-operative consumers' activities.

Fourteenth Annual Convention of United Farm Women of Alberta Best in Many Years

Large Attendance at Sessions and Interest Proves Intense—Mrs. Gunn is Re-elected President by Acclamation—Banquet in Palliser Unique Event of Week

By Miss E. M. HULL, *Secretary U.F.W.A.*

On Tuesday, January 17th, the United Farm Women of Alberta opened their Convention in the Central United Church, Calgary. Although we had very cold weather right up until Convention time, a chinook arrived just in time to help make the week enjoyable from every standpoint, and the 1927-28 Convention proved one of the most successful ever held.

At this, the fourteenth Annual Convention, there were 121 accredited delegates, 8 Juniors, 17 officers, and many visitors present. The room where the U.F.W.A. met for separate sessions was always crowded to the doors, and the fact that many stood up during the sessions, through shortage of space, is proof that our program was of exceptional interest to our women.

Tuesday, at 2 p.m. the official opening took place; the Rev. H. W. Avison offered the invocation. Mr. Avison is minister of the Central United Church.

Premier Addresses Convention

The Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta, brought to the Convention greetings from the Government. Mr. Brownlee spoke of our Public Health Program as being one of the finest on the continent, and assured us that the Government was always ready and willing to make any improvements possible in this and other branches. He assured us that the Government was in sympathy with us in our desire for personal naturalization and personal domicile, and that although it would take time to secure these things, there was no doubt of their being realized.

After the appointment of the various Convention Committees, Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President, gave her report for the past year. Mrs. Gunn talked of the work done during the past year, and made a suggestion that perhaps a week, similar to that of Young People's Week, could be arranged at either the University, or one of the schools of agriculture, where farm women could learn some of the fundamentals of home economics.

Challenge of the New Year

In concluding her report, Mrs. Gunn said: "We have started out bravely in organized work, and the measure of our progress in the years to come will be the measure of individual response on the part of the farm women of the West. Will it be said in after years, 'They held in their hands the open sesame, the key that would unlock the prison door and set them free; and some through sheer indifference neglected the task; others like Martha cumbered with much serving, had no time; while others still, with one accord began to make excuses.' Or will the records show 'one equal temper of heroic hearts—strong in will to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.' This, then, is the choice that lies before our farm women. This the challenge of the New Year."

Mrs. F. E. Wyman, 1st Vice-President, read the report of the Executive; the Directors for the various Constituencies each read a report of the work done in her constituency, and the Secretary read her report of the work passing through Central Office. Following these, Mrs. Warr gave a very interesting report of the Junior Work done during the year. Mrs. Warr concluded her very fine report with these words: "May you each become human radios, broadcasting the aims of our Junior branch until every community will have a vigorous and enthusiastic Local, training our boys and girls in the aims and responsibilities of our great movement, so that we shall be assured of a continuous supply of earnest minded, clear-thinking men and women entering our Senior organization; then we will be able to feel confident that what we have accomplished is 'but earnest of the things we yet shall do'."

Junior Officers Speak

Miss Molly Coupland, Vice-President of the Juniors, Mr. Ottewell, Director

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U.F.W.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1928

Standing, left to right—Mrs. Mary Banner, Dowling; Mrs. D. J. Christie, Strathcona; Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; Mrs. A. H. Warr, Waskatenau; Mrs. W. C. Baker, Medicine Hat; Mrs. S. J. Bentley, N. Edmonton; Mrs. H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Crossfield; Mrs. T. M. Carlson, Cardston; Mrs. Pickles, Hayter. *Sitting*—Mrs. R. P. Kloss, High River; Mrs. W. D. McNaughton, [illegible]; Mrs. J. W. Field, 2nd Vice-President, Spurfield; Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President, Lloydminster; Mrs. F. E. Wyman, 1st Vice-President, [illegible]; Mrs. R. Price, Stettler; Mrs. E. H. Ethridge, Rossington. *Front Row*—Mrs. F. C. Hankins, Elnora; Miss E. M. Hull, Secretary, Calgary.

Twelfth Presidential Address Delivered by H. W. Wood at Annual Convention

President Reviews Nineteen Years' History of United Farmers of Alberta—Successes Achieved by U.F.A. in Launching Great Enterprises for Service of Agriculture Have Affected Numerical Strength of Parent Association—Booming Times Which Are Testing Times—Real and Solid Strength of the Organization

The United Farmers of Alberta, as an organization, is nineteen years old. According to the legal status of an individual man, it is yet two years "under age." Measured by its "paid-up" membership, it is not a giant, or a side-show monstrosity. From this standpoint not a little anxiety has been expressed within the family circle concerning its physical condition, though little fear has been manifested regarding its mental or spiritual vigor. Many nostrums have been prescribed, but the patient seems indifferent about taking most of them, and does not react very satisfactorily to any. Before a doctor can intelligently prescribe a remedy he must intelligently diagnose the ailment with the view of determining the cause or causes. The question is, what has caused the present condition of the U.F.A. regarding its membership?

IS FAILURE OR SUCCESS DENOTED?

To intelligently arrive at conclusions on this question, it will be necessary to review the history of the U.F.A.; its aims and objects; how it went about achieving those aims and objects; where it succeeded and where failed; and thus ascertain from what the present condition resulted. All results are produced by causes. Do the present results of preceding causes denote failure or success? When these things are determined we will be in a better position to intelligently consider the best method of dealing with the situation.

In 1909 the U.F.A. was organized. Stated in a general way, its aims and objects were to better the farmers' condition directly, and also their relations with other industrial classes. Systematic co-operation was necessary because this work could not be done by individuals. Systematic co-operation could not be carried on without systematic organization; therefore organization had to precede co-operation. A great deal of work had to be done in the development of organization. As organization progressed, co-operative activities were inaugurated and carried on. These were small and comparatively simple at first, but required much thought and effort. Farmers were novices at such work and had the science of co-operative construction all to learn. The burden fell very heavily on a few, but the number of practical workers was gradually augmented and the organization grew and became a busy hive of active workers throughout the Province.

The members met frequently in their Locals and had much discussion regarding their troubles and the causes of them. Much effort was put forth to bring about minor reforms. It was recognized from the beginning that the problems they were facing could not be fully solved by these efforts, but some good was accomplished and all these first activities served as valuable training for the greater efforts to follow. While it was generally recognized that these larger things would have to come, just how to inaugurate and conduct them in a practical way was a problem that the farmers did not know how to solve, and they had no clear precedent for guidance. But the work progressed, and both membership and activities increased. The smaller undertakings gradually grew into larger ones, but ten years passed before any really big thing was undertaken.

PLAN OF POLITICAL REFORM LAUNCHED

During these ten years of operation the old idea, formerly so prevalent in farmers' organizations, that all our troubles would have to be solved by legislation, was gradually giving way to the newer and truer one of the necessity of developing industrial strength and solidarity sufficient to enable us to deal on the basis of equal efficiency with other industrial interests. This, however, did not cause us to lose sight of, or to minimize the importance of better government through political reform. So in January, 1919, our organization launched a system of political reform in addition to all other activities that were being carried on.

This, of course, greatly increased our work, but it also increased interest. While the work that had already been inaugurated was being carried on, the additional work of organizing districts and otherwise perfecting the machinery necessary to election activities was taken up and carried forward zealously. This was the period of the greatest amount of activity within the primary organization, and it was also the period of the greatest numerical strength. It is very interesting, as well as instructive, to note how the membership increased in what seems to be almost exact ratio to the activities of the organization.

In 1909 the membership was 2,147; in 1910—4,052; 1911—5,872; 1912—7,190; 1913—9408; 1914—11,252; 1915—11,962 1916—13,301; 1917—16,463; 1918—18,335; 1919—28,764; 1920—30,760; 1921—37,721; 1922—18,852; 1923—14,628; 1924—15,407; 1925—13,514; 1926—15,552; 1927—11,599.

FIRST TEN YEARS' GROWTH

Keeping in mind the facts that organization is for the purpose of doing things, and that the development of organization itself involves much work, we find that as the organization was being built up, and the activities within it increasing, the membership gradually increased till the close of the year 1918, when it had reached over eighteen thousand. Up to this time, all activities had been based on minor enterprises, but they were of sufficient importance to keep up active interest, and the growth and vigor of the organization seem to have been in almost exact ratio to the amount of work that was being done. It must not be inferred from this that work was being done for work's sake. The work was inspired by the healthy growth of the organization during the first ten years of existence.

In January, 1919, we inaugurated our first major enterprise in deciding to take political action. This from a superficial viewpoint, seemed to be a dangerous reversion to an old and disastrous habit of farm organizations. It is well known that such organizations, believing that all social reform depended primarily and almost entirely on legislative enactment, had sooner or later entered the political field. We knew that such efforts had invariably proven disastrous, both to the political enterprise and to the organization that inaugurated it. But we also thought we knew the cause of such disaster and how to avoid it.

FATAL MISTAKES OF FORMER ORGANIZATIONS

Former farmers' organizations had undertaken social reform through political activities. In doing so they made two fatal mistakes: 1st, in thinking that political action was

President Wood

primary in social reform; and 2nd, in not understanding that political reform is a distinct problem within itself, and that its solution is vital to the solution of the greater and all embracing problem of social reform. We did not enter the political field with any exaggerated idea of dealing therein directly with our complicated industrial problems, but rather with the idea of reforming the political system, and at the same time continuing our industrial reform activities.

Farmers' organizations entering the political field without realizing the weakness of the established party system, did so as political parties. This, coupled with the idea that the securing of legislation was of supreme importance, diverted their attention from the organization to the party. They thought all their activities were to be carried on in the political field, and that there was nothing more to be accomplished through the organization—no more work to be done there. Their organization was their work-shop and this work-shop being deserted, was soon dismantled and the tools lost. When their efforts through the hopeless political system had failed, they returned to the scene of their former work-shop to find only desolation.

RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON MEMBERSHIP

In the inauguration of our political activities, we not only left all the work to be done within the organization, but placed the responsibility of that work directly on the membership. These new activities were in no wise to interfere with those that were already being carried on. They simply represented that much more work to be done, and were in no wise a turning from industrial to political activities. The organization knew that industrial reform was even more vital to agricultural prosperity than political reform. A major political reform movement was undertaken first because we got to it first, never intending for a moment to relax our efforts till some major industrial measure was successfully launched.

Entering the political field as an organization not only necessitated the keeping up of the machinery to meet the requirements of the new activities; districts and constituencies also had to be organized. Preparations for selecting delegates and holding conventions had to be made. Arrangements for financing and carrying on elections also had to be made. All of this involved innumerable details and had to be done by the membership without any overlording by any boss or bosses, and could be done only through the medium of organization.

This newly added work in no wise dismayed the membership of the U.F.A. On the contrary, it was an opportunity they had long been waiting for—an opportunity to exercise their own political rights in their own way, and the responsibility of making a success was on their shoulders entirely. Never before did a farmers' organization have such an opportunity, and never before were farmers so inspired to go forward to the successful completion of a great undertaking. These efforts were sustained without abatement from February, 1919, till after the elections in 1921. This was the period of the greatest activity of the U.F.A., and likewise it was the time of its greatest growth in membership.

In January, 1919, the U.F.A. had a membership of 18,335. At the close of December, 1921, it had a membership of 37,721—an increase of nearly 106 per cent. in thirty-six months. The organization had been at work—doing things, accomplishing things—and was correspondingly healthy and vigorous. When the objective of this work had been fully accomplished, naturally strenuous activities would cease and interest slacken off correspondingly.

INCENTIVE TO ACTION LACKING

After the elections in 1921 the political machinery had been completed, tried out and found successful. The great incentive to action no longer existed. A resting time had come. Of course the other work was still being carried on, but it represented no enterprise of sufficient importance to sustain strenuous and united action, and the result was that the membership began immediately to fall away. The next year the membership had fallen to 18,832. This was only 500 more than the membership of 1918—the year previous to the organization deciding to take political action. Since then it has fluctuated between 13,500 and 16,000.

Since 1919 an agitation for a Wheat Pool had been carried on, and efforts made to organize one covering the three Provinces, but this was found impracticable and had to be abandoned. But the idea had fastened itself in the minds of the membership of the organization, and held there till 1923, when the U.F.A. determined to organize a Pool on the Provincial basis. The Board of Directors met early in July for that purpose, and on the 29th of October, the Alberta Wheat Pool started operations.

Unfortunately, the machinery of the U.F.A. could not be adapted to function in the control of the operations of the Wheat Pool. This control of necessity had to be vested in all the Wheat Pool members, and the Wheat Pool members only. Had it been practicable for the U.F.A. to control and operate the Alberta Pool, it would probably have created a greater and longer sustained interest in the organization than anything else ever has. But such was not the case. This work was taken out of the organization, and while the membership and friends of the organization are as actively at work in the farmers' interest as they ever were, the organization is not their only workshop. The results of their activities, of course, are just the same, and just as beneficial to the farmers' interests, but there is no question regarding the effect on the organization. This is clearly indicated by the decrease in the membership.

DUE TO FAILURE OR SUCCESS?

Much concern has been manifested during the last two years regarding the falling away of our membership from the 1921 peak, and I confess sharing in that concern. Our membership since 1921 has averaged 14,500. In the year just closed it stands 11,389—the lowest since 1916. What is the matter? Is it sickness or just idleness? Sickness because of failure, or idleness because of success? No other farmers' organization in the world has such a record of achievement as the United Farmers of Alberta. So it can not be sickness caused by failure. Then it must be idleness, or careless indifference because of success? I think there is something to this, but the idleness is more apparent than real, for the work is being done by the same farmers, for the same farmers, though carried on largely in another workshop. This work-shop was created by the organization for that purpose, and results of the work done in it, from the standpoint of reasonable expectations, are exceedingly satisfactory, and the U.F.A. has every reason to be proud of the fruits of its efforts.

Then what about the U.F.A.—the parent organization? Has it done its work so well, and completed it so thoroughly, that its existence is no longer necessary or justified? I presume there are forty thousand farmers in Alberta who would answer that question negatively. Still they do not give the organization the active support it deserves. As the parent organization it is a tower of strength, not only in defense of all the reform and constructive activities being carried on by the farmers of Alberta, but also a defense against the encroachments on human rights in a broader field. Its death would be a blow to the farmers' movement, reaching far beyond the borders of Alberta. The question is, how can the U.F.A. be kept in a condition of normal health and vigor during slack periods, so that it will be ready to act at all times—to put the full force of its machinery into immediate operation when an emergency arises?

THE ACTUAL SITUATION

In the first place, let us deal frankly regarding the actual situation. We have had four years of very slack times. The political machinery had all been set up, adjusted and ready for use at any time. In 1925, and again in 1926, it was quietly put into motion and successfully operated, "just as a part of the day's work." When the elections were over this work was completed and there would be no need of the political machinery until the next time, when it would be ready for use again. In 1923 the Wheat Pool had been set up and made self-operative. The U.F.A. had no more direct responsibility from that standpoint. There was no more work of major importance before the organization. The great work had been accomplished. A resting time had come.

Resting times are frequently dangerous times, and I think perhaps this resting time of the U.F.A. represents the most dangerous period of its existence. I would not undertake to give assurance that the danger is past, but I am convinced that there is much to encourage us, and I am not convinced that this resting time has not been the crucial test that has proved the strength and solidarity of the organization. We find that there are among our Alberta farmers approximately fifteen thousand men and women who have so developed the spirit of co-operation and the habit of organization that they keep their membership alive, and are ready at all times to man the machinery of the organization and put it in action when occasion requires. This, to me, indicates real and solid strength, and should be estimated at its real value. It is a strength that has been developed by work well done, and is a safe guarantee for the future. I think it is a mistake to hold out the idea to the membership that they are always needing some kind of fake or artificial stimulation to keep them entertained. The only stimulant that will really stimulate is faith in accomplishment. When this faith is fully established, the work will be done enthusiastically, and no task will be too great.

RESTING TIMES, TESTING TIMES

As already suggested, our resting times are our testing times, and these times must be dealt with practically and intelligently. But how? If activity is the life of an organization, the manifest answer would seem to be "work." But

Address of President of U.F.W.A. to Annual Convention of United Farmers of Alberta

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Mrs. R. B. GUNN

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

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Alberta Wheat Pool Elevator Page

Review of Pool Elevator Operations

Lease on Prince Rupert Terminal Renewed for Five Year Period

M. Hall, Manager of Alberta Pool Elevators Limited, issued a letter to the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates on January 21st, which outlined the operations of the elevator system up to the end of the year. Herewith the major portion of the letter is given:

PRINCE RUPERT ELEVATOR LEASE

"Owing to it being necessary for me to make a trip to Ottawa early this month in connection with a further lease of the Prince Rupert terminal, I was unable to write you before with respect to certain essential details of our business as at December 31st, 1927.

"It was considered by the Directors to be advisable for us to ascertain our position with the Government in connection with the Prince Rupert terminal, and I am pleased to say that arrangements have been effected whereby we have leased the elevator there from the Department of Trade and Commerce for a period of five years from August 1st, 1928, and at a rental considered satisfactory to the directors.

AVOIDED CONGESTION

"The operation of the Prince Rupert terminal this season has been a very great benefit to the Pool in that it has enabled us to avoid the serious congestion at Vancouver port which has resulted in severe losses to the Trade through the inability of that Port to take care of its commitments. The Pool would have been in the same position as the Trade had it not been for the fact that through Prince Rupert we avoided the congestion that we would have been confronted with at Vancouver had that been our only outlet for Western shipments.

"The receipts and shipments at both Prince Rupert and Vancouver terminals will be quite heavy during the month of January and I hope to be able to place details thereof before you at an early date in February.

ELEVATOR OPERATIONS

"At the close of business December 31st, 1927, the Elevator Department of the Pool were operating 137 elevators. Two of these, namely, Scandia and Rosemary, were only recently completed. At the present time we have three elevators under construction, namely, Two Hills, Hairy Hill and Willingdon, and I hope to advise you in my next report that these elevators are in operation.

"Up to and including December 31st, 1927, we handled through our country elevators a total of 16,103,895 bushels. There was also shipped to us Pool wheat loaded over the platform by members throughout the Province a total of 3,240,748 bushels. This made a total handling through our country elevators and over the platform of 19,344,643 bushels. At the time of writing the quantity handled through our country elevators is in excess of 17,000,000 bushels which, along with platform shipments, makes a total in excess of 19,100,000 bushels. This handling is very gratifying to me and indicates that the elevators of the Pool at a large number of points are receiving the loyal support of the members. During the present week we have had a large number of Pool men, who have been attending the Annual Meeting of the U.F.A., visit me. I am very pleased to say that from these men I have received very gratifying reports with respect to the satisfaction being given by the Pool elevators throughout the Province. I have also been favored with many practical suggestions from these men with respect to improving our service at certain individual points, and it will be a pleasure for me to take care of their wishes in this respect.

REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS

"I am wondering if there is any scheme you could present here that would be of assistance to you there in keeping the members in your district intelligently posted with respect to the Elevator Department of the Pool. If there is, please do not hesitate to write me. I do hope that you have not, by any chance, overlooked my sincere request for suggestions and constructive criticism of my Department.

"Yours respectfully,

C. M. HALL."

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Award Contract for Elevator Terminal

The Alberta Wheat Pool have awarded a contract to the Northern Construction Company Limited and J. W. Stewart, of Vancouver, for their Terminal Elevator at Vancouver, same to be completed and placed in operation by September 1st, 1928.

The elevator will have a capacity of 2,400,000 bushels with a record-handling workhouse, large unloading capacity, ample cleaning facilities and dock and dock galleries for berthing three boats simultaneously under the loading spouts. It is expected that the elevator will be the last word in grain handling equipment.

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The award of this contract is subject to the satisfactory completion of negotiations now in progress with the City of Vancouver for the acquisition of property which will form part of the elevator site. No difficulty is anticipated in concluding these negotiations in a satisfactory manner.

Manitoba Pool Elevators

[illegible]

Pool Meeting in Edmonton

[illegible]

News & Views

[illegible]

Figures supplied by the Alberta Government [illegible] of approximately [illegible] million bushels.

George Ribults [illegible] Golden Spike, Alberta [illegible] in terms of sentiment [illegible] grade and weight. This [illegible] Pool [illegible] farmers [illegible] of the Pool.

During the past season a total of 198 [illegible] in the world.

[illegible] in Winnipeg.

[illegible] W. T [illegible] Threshermen [illegible] in a class [illegible] district.

[illegible] during [illegible]

[illegible] market place [illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

invest for the local early in the year, and at the annual meeting the roll call was answered by reporting on how investments [illegible]. Some of the members had [illegible] plants [illegible] made over $7. The total receipts from this plan were over $36.

"During the year," continues Mrs. Townsend, "we [illegible] programs, although the weather has been persistently unkind. We voted $10 to the Elnora school fair. Our new officers are Mrs. T. Willis, president, and Mrs. W. Woods, secretary."

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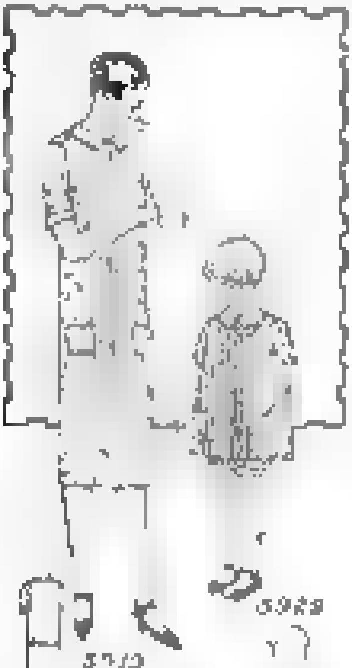

5919—Ladies' Morning Frock.

Cut in Sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. A 38 inch size requires 3 yards of 36 inch material, together with [illegible] yard of contrasting material. The vest [illegible] lower edge with plaits extending to [illegible] Price 15c.

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Seasonable Recipes

BY AUNT CORNELIA

Cheap Fruit Cake.—Here is a good eggless recipe: 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup butter or lard, ¾ cup sour milk, ¼ cup tart fruit juice (sour milk may be substituted if there is no fruit juice), even teaspoon each of spices, cloves, nutmeg, and soda, 2 cups flour and 1 cup raisins. Baked in a tube cake pan (such as is used for angel food) with a lid on-

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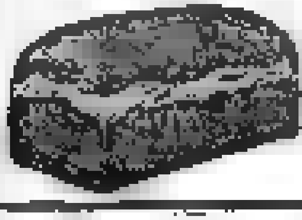

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Report of Junior Committee on Junior Work

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any [illegible] Junior [illegible]

[illegible] and then the wind [illegible] healed: [illegible] and then the work will be [illegible]pleted."

U.F.A. Junior Activities

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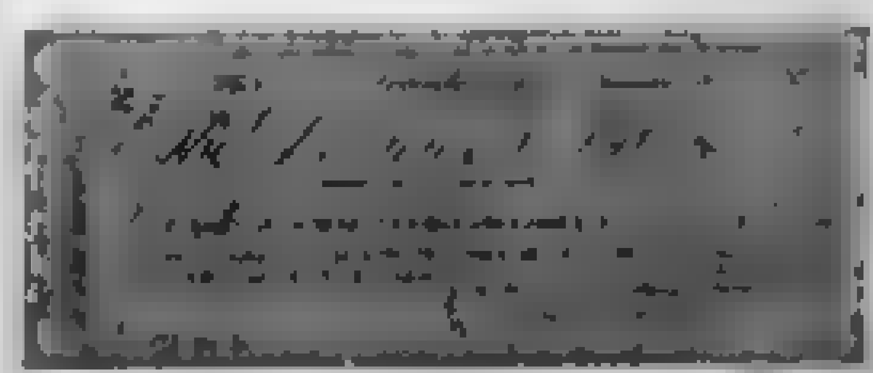

NEWS FROM ALBERTA DAIRY POOL HEAD OFFICE

Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers, Ltd.

Alberta Dairy Pool Elects Delegates

The following delegates were recently elected to attend the annual meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Limited, which will be held in the MacDonald Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, February 15th, commencing at 9 a.m.

In view of the important business that will come before the convention it is hoped that as many members of the Pool as possible will attend the annual meeting as visitors.

Every delegate and visitor attending the annual meeting is requested to purchase a one way ticket to Edmonton and to secure from the local agent a standard certificate which must be presented to the Secretary in order to secure a reduced return rate.

DISTRICT ONE

Geo. Church, R.R.3, Calgary
Kaye Cullen, R.R.2, Calgary
J. D. M[illegible], R.R.3, Calgary
John McInnes, Midnapore
J. C. Buckley, Gleichen
Donald Sinclair, Vulcan
Wm. Shields, [illegible]
Alex. [illegible], Cochrane
Harvey [illegible], [illegible]
J. J. [illegible], Okotoks

DISTRICT TWO

L. R. Hays, Box 20[illegible], Calgary
W. A. Hunter, Beddington
N. R. Clarke, Didsbury
[illegible], Crossfield
C. W. Gibbs, Didsbury
J. Raymond, [illegible]
C. W. Dickinson, Munson
J. J. Sutherland, Hanna
Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook
John Fairweather, R.R.4, Calgary

DISTRICT THREE

H. E. [illegible], Innisfail
L. Mc[illegible], Huxley
Donald Cameron, Elnora
H. [illegible], Eckville
J. [illegible], [illegible]
M. S. [illegible]
R. H. McDonald, Trochu
J. E. Lundberg, Eckville
John [illegible], Bowden
Sam McKee, Rosalind

DISTRICT FOUR

E. [illegible], [illegible]
T. H. [illegible], Millet
Enoch [illegible], New Norway
J. A. King, [illegible]
E. H. [illegible], Wetaskiwin
J. L. G. [illegible], Falun
E. F. Sparks, [illegible]
J. R. [illegible], Millet
Tom Noble, [illegible]
Roy [illegible], Ponoka

DISTRICT FIVE

Wm. A. [illegible], [illegible]
Richard Price, [illegible]
Thos. [illegible], Lougheed
Geo. Andrews, Sedgewick
F. H. [illegible], Chauvin
Andrew Holmberg, Viking
Henry Baker, Sedgewick
Carl [illegible], Big Valley
A. L. Sanders, [illegible]
[illegible], Rosyth

DISTRICT SIX

D. J. [illegible], Strathcona
Angus McDougall, Calmar
A. E. [illegible], R.R.3, Leduc
James Allan, Clover Bar
Donald McLeod, Lake Isle
W. G. May, [illegible]
A. R. Brown, Westlock
Thos. [illegible], Onoway
Andrew [illegible], [illegible]
R. Turnbull, Strathcona

DISTRICT SEVEN

John Purdy, Thorhild
D. H. [illegible], R.R.2, Tofield
E. M. Walker, Waskatenau
Alfred [illegible], [illegible]
Harold Jackson, [illegible]
J. E. [illegible], [illegible]
A. R. C. [illegible], Egremont
Geo. Monaghan, Mannville
John M. R. Hughes, Vegreville
Lucien Joly, St. Paul

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Resolutions Passed at Last Convention

The following are the resolutions passed at last year's convention of the Alberta Dairy Pool:

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Resolution No. 1—Whereas we believe it is not good practice to elect all the members of the Board of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Ltd. each year, as this lets in a possibility of an entirely new personnel being put into office at one time, who will be out of touch with the general policy of the Pool;

Therefore be it resolved that the Articles of Association be amended so as to provide that [illegible] directors be elected in 1927 for two years and the remaining three directors for one year, and at future annual meetings the vacancies on the Board be filled by electing members for two year terms. And further, for the purpose of complying with the said amendment districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 elect directors for two years and delegates from districts 2, 4 and 6 elect directors for one year.

Resolution No. 2—Whereas our membership has grown to such a point where the cost of printing lists of all names of members in each district is almost prohibitive, and whereas these lists are not absolutely necessary for the purpose of selecting a delegate;

Therefore be it resolved that the Articles of Association be amended by striking out the words "a list of all names of members in a district and" where they appear in Article 8.

The above resolution saves the cost of printing thousands of copies of membership each year. [illegible] may obtain lists of members by writing to the Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO DAIRYMEN'S ACT

Resolution No. 3—Resolved that the words "or subsidiary company" be inserted after the word [illegible] in the second and fourth lines of section [illegible] of the Dairymen's Act.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 4—Whereas there has been a great demand for [illegible] facilities for the [illegible] of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Ltd. and whereas [illegible] sufficient [illegible] can only be [illegible] when the producers realize the cost of operating same;

Therefore be it resolved that the [illegible] building and manufacturing costs of each Pool creamery be [illegible] of the [illegible] by the said creamery and the balance [illegible] members patronizing the said Pool creamery.

Resolution No. 5—Resolved, that the present system of grading in the Province of Alberta be continued, and that the graders be increased to do the grading wherever possible without increasing the cost of this service to the producers.

Resolution No. 6—Resolved, that the creamery differentials [illegible] remain as at present, and that Rail express charges be deducted [illegible] the [illegible] creameries and paid by the members [illegible].

Resolution No. 7—Owing to the confusion arising from the present method of holding our annual meeting, we recommend [illegible] that our future Pool meetings be held as a separate and distinct [illegible] to enable Pool delegates to participate in the [illegible] convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association.

Resolution No. 8—[illegible] principle be [illegible], the [illegible] of the [illegible] we recommend that our Board shall as [illegible] as possible [illegible] the marketing of our dairy products.

We further recommend that the [illegible] be [illegible] in furthering this principle.

Resolution No. 9—Whereas [illegible] are made by certain persons [illegible] members to [illegible] their contracts with the co-operative marketing organizations.

And whereas in certain countries legislation is enacted providing [illegible] for persons handling products under contract to co-operative marketing organizations;

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of Alberta be asked to enact legislation or an amendment to existing legislation providing for the imposition of penalties on [illegible] persons who knowingly continue to handle products under contract to co-operative marketing organizations.

Resolution No. 10—Resolved, that the Board take up the matter with Railway

Companies of better refrigeration service during the Summer months.

Resolution No. 11.—Whereas [illegible] on the 31st day of December next.

Resolution No. 12.—Whereas the [illegible]

Resolution No. 13. [illegible] embodying the above principle.

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[illegible] as he can carry working with him.

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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE of the ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

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Co-operative Shippers Give Wholehearted Support to Pool

[illegible]

THE ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS RECEIPTS FOR WEEK JAN [illegible] WITH COMPARISON TO YARD RECEIPTS

[illegible]

A New Contract Signer's Experience

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survey ... It is ... done in ... method ...

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U F.A. Central Board of 1927 Reports to Annual Convention

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casting that has so far been done. We feel that the possibilities in radio broadcasting warrant further study and an extensive tryout of U.F.A. programmes during 1928.

Co-Operative Institute

During the last five years great strides have been made in the developing of the co-operative system of marketing. We have organized and put into operation four large Pools which are handling the chief products of our farms. There are also smaller co-operative associations doing splendid work in marketing the farm produce not handled by the Pools. We have also a good many co-operative stores in the Province that are making a success. It has been felt, however, that there is a great need for educational work to be done and your Board considers that this can best be done by the formation of a Co-operative Institute. It has been suggested that, should such an Institute be formed, one or more conventions could be held each year at some such central place as the School of Agriculture at Olds, where they have accommodation for a large gathering. If these meetings were held during the summer months it would be possible to get a large attendance [illegible] at no very great cost [illegible] of them would be able to come in [illegible]. If we are to make a success of co-operative marketing it is essential that we should be well informed [illegible] and it is our purpose to have co-operation [illegible] co-operation.

Wheat Pool Drive

One of the chief activities in which the Organization was engaged during the past year was in assisting in the drive for signatures to the new five-year contract of the Wheat Pool. The results of that drive make it very apparent that the farmers of Alberta are [illegible] the co-operative marketing of their wheat.

Joint Conference of Provincial Government, U.F.A. Boards and the Pools

[illegible] has been arranged for [illegible] the Provincial Government, the U.F.A. Board [illegible] of the several Pools to be held in Calgary [illegible] At this meeting [illegible] of all the [illegible] of the Organization will be discussed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RE REPORT OF CENTRAL BOARD

All the figures given in the paragraph under the heading [illegible] referring to the beginning of the financial year have reference to the membership standing as of December 31 of the year 1926.)

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THE LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

It [illegible] been argued for positions in the service of the National [illegible] [illegible] length of residence [illegible] — The National [illegible] Review.

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Sterilization," "Physical Examination," "Bird Protection," "Cadet Training," "School Libraries," "Wrapping of Butter," "Lock Telephones," "Civil Aviation," "Peace," were dealt with. The resolutions dealing with School Libraries, Civil Aviation and Peace, were carried. A substitute motion was introduced for that of Cadet Training, this motion asking the Government to prepare a brief on Cadet Training and have it sent out to the different Locals for study. This was carried.

Friday morning the Immigration Report was given by Mrs. R. Price. In this splendid report Mrs. Price gave the answers to the questions asked of the Locals in the Immigration Bulletin, and also talked on Juvenile Immigration, Settlement Plan for British Boys, Oriental Immigration, Medical Inspection before sailing, and told of the work done by the Advisory Committee on Women's Immigration. This Committee exists for the purpose of helping the newcomer, and making them feel that they are welcome to the new country. Miss Macmillan, Chairman of this Committee, spoke to the Convention on this subject.

Mrs. D. J. Christie presented the report on Co-operative Marketing. Mrs. Christie reported that the prices of eggs and poultry of good quality have been relatively high during the last few years, but "so long as the product of the farm is of low average quality, the producer does not get the benefit of a good price for good quality." Excellent reports were made of the work done by the Wheat Pools, the Livestock Producers, Dairy Pool, Wool Growers, and the Co-operative Tobacco Growers.

Peace and Arbitration

Mrs. Kiser presented the report on Peace and Arbitration Friday afternoon. In this report Mrs. Kiser told of the various organizations that are devoting much time and effort to the elimination of war. "Surely," she said, "with these groups and many others convinced of the righteousness of the cause the coming together will be a natural process of growth, and the result will be the beginning of a new order where the Message of Peace and Goodwill shall find an echo in the heart of all humanity."

Fraternal Greetings were brought to the Convention by Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of the National Council of Women; Mrs. Woodhall of the W. C. T. U.; and Mrs. Price of the Women's Institutes.

W. R. Reader, Superintendent of Parks in Calgary, and the Hon. Mrs. Irene Parlby, gave splendid talks on home gardening, and lantern slides were exhibited to show just what could be done to make the rural home beautiful.

At the conclusion of these talks, a short musical program was enjoyed, and the Calgary Local served a silver tea.

One of the most enjoyable social events during this week was the banquet held at the Palliser Hotel by the U.F.W.A. A splendid program was carried out, those speaking being: His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor; the Hon. J. E. Brownlee; Dr. Magill, representing the Mayor of Calgary, H. W. Wood; Mrs. Sears; Mrs. Parlby; Mrs. F. E. Wyman; Miss Amy Roe and Mrs. Wm. Carson. Those contributing to the musical program were: Miss Beryl Scott, Miss Madge Atherton, Mr. Geo. Barrs and Mr. Max Bishop, all of the Wheat Pool Staff.

Looking back over the week we believe it to have been the best Convention we have held for many years. Resolutions brought in are all well thought out, and show every sign of clear thinking and deep study.

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VIEWS ON GRAIN GRADING

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of cars too full to properly sample at Winnipeg, and which were practically called all damaged wheat. You have a resolution on your books that tough grades should be divided and the grain with moisture condition from 14.5 to 15.3 should be graded separately. Well, that resolution was passed by the Standards Board and brought before us by the Executive of the Farmers of Manitoba, and the Secretary from there made a very fine presentation of the case. But we had to consult with the men who were running the elevators, and the gentleman who is Superintendent of the Saskatchewan Pool, and has charge of the largest individual elevator, said, "What are you doing that for? We cannot find bins for what we have." You had your lists gone over and your lists show a percentage of moisture, and the average up to that date was 15.3. Now just think, you are asking to make a division between 15.3 up to 17, and we have no place for this on our sheets. Out of the 31 or 32 elevators at the Head of the Lakes, only five are terminals. You could order the Terminals to take in those grades, but the private houses would not comply. And the Pool has half the capacity of the public elevator space, and all they have to do is to tell the superintendent to make that division.

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The Old Country purchaser bids on the lowest grade that he may expect in that shipment; if he gets anything better he is so much ahead. If you mix one and two you would get No. 2 price. Same applies to the moisture content, the difference in the intrinsic value between grain of 13 per cent moisture and 15 per cent. There seems to be an idea that the only thing required in wheat is to keep it dry. No. 6 wheat, if dried, will keep—but you would not expect to sell your No. 1 for the same price. Flour from No. 5 would keep if the wheat was dried.

Canada is the only country that has a thorough inspection system, because it is the only place for millers to purchase grain certificates final. If you ship your grain through Seattle, Portland or other American ports you will find that in a day or two it will have to go before an arbitration board. I do not say that the arbitration board would not treat you fairly, but you are a long way from that arbitration board. Our Board had a meeting with the representatives of the American Inspection Department, and they objected very strenuously to our sending samples of U.S. grain going through Montreal port. It is only fair that purchasers of grain get average samples before making bids. These are sent to the Old Country and the Continent, similar samples as those used in the Chief Inspector's office.

As to the reputation of our grain, up till two years ago our grading stood very high abroad, but for the last two years No. 3 has been very inferior to what it was previous to that time. That was caused largely by the drying of grain. We did not know how to dry grain without injuring it. At the present time they are working in the University, Manitoba College and our own laboratories to find out a method of drying grain so that it will not be injured in the process of drying. The question has been asked, why do they dry grain to 12.5? I want to say that they do not dry grain to 12.5. Grain is not dried by the carload. It is placed in a bin and the drying is continuous. Up until recently there were very few in charge of driers that were really competent to dry grain without injuring it. They did not know they were injuring it, and I do not think they cared. Their business was to get as much grain through in the shortest time possible. They pointed out they could not dry to a certain per cent. In drying grain there is something the average person overlooks: Take 100 grams of wheat with 20 per cent moisture, and when we take out 10 per cent, how much moisture will be left in the remainder of the grain? Many would say 90 per cent, but that is not so. There is 10 per cent of 100 moisture in 90 grams, and the moisture test instead of having 90 per cent, has 91 and a fraction.

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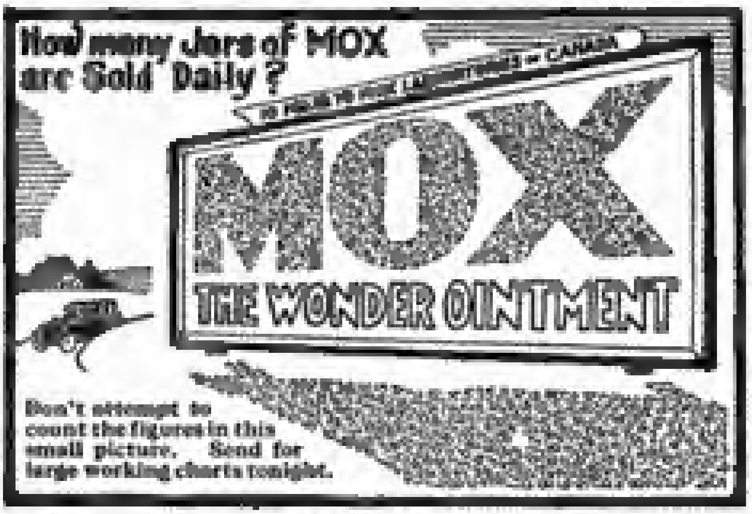
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